REMARKS

Applicants have carefully considered the Office Action issued on September 9, 2004 and the Advisory Action issued November 9, 2004, rejecting claims 1-10, and allowing claims 11-23. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in light of the following comments. Claims 1-10 have been canceled without traverse. Claims 11-23 remain in the application.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that claims 11-23 are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request early notification of such allowance. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to attempt to resolve any such issues.

If any fee is due in conjunction with the filing of this response, Applicants authorize deduction of that fee from Deposit Account 06-0308.

Respectfully submitted,

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